





## **Section 6**

- **Letters of Appreciation for Children's, Public Affairs, and Public Service Programming**

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August 17, 1992



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Mr. Marvin Sparks, President  
Video Mail Communications  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45506

((PLACE IN JAN-MAR, 92 PUBLIC FILE:  
THIS WAS IN RESPONSE TO OUR EFFORTS  
TO SUPPORT "100 BLACK MEN" CAMPAIGN  
STANDING FOR INNER CITY YOUTH AND  
AGAINST DRUG USEAGE.))

Dear Mr. Sparks:

Thank you for your kind contribution towards the success of the Host  
Committee events of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
(SCLC) 35th Annual Convention.

Your sponsorship was very instrumental in assisting the SCLC Board meet  
it's goal of empowering African-Americans of the Greater Dayton area to  
take control of their lives through utilization of new information, informed  
choices and support from each other.

The convention was an opportunity for everyone to pull together and your  
willingness to give in this effort reflects your commitment to the  
community.

Again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

E.A. Ricky Boyd, Chairman

Community Affairs  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Dayton Chapter

Reverend Raleigh Trammell, President  
Southern Christian Leadership Conference  
Dayton Chapter

EAB:RT/fw



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December 5, 1991

Ms. Jo Hill  
WTJC-TV  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, OH 45506

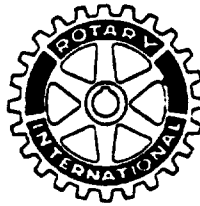
Dear Ms. Hill:

As an elected official, may I express my sincere appreciation for the support and coverage which you and the television station have given to legislative issues.

The public affairs coverage of WTJC-TV, Channel 26, is a vital part of my efforts to inform the general public about the

# The ROTARY CLUB of Springfield, Ohio

OFFICE  
1243 N. PLUM ST.  
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45504  
PHONE 399-4994



CLUB NO. 98  
Chartered March 1, 1914  
District 667

December 18, 1992

Ms. Jo Hill  
WTJC-Channel 26 TV  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45506

Dear Jo:

I watched the program which you provided concerning our Christmas Party for the Handicapped on December 14 and was greatly impressed by the fact that you gave us such good coverage! I have mentioned the program to a number of our Board of Directors who also watched it and were very pleased with what you did.

It's nice to know that once in a while the media finds something good to be newsworthy and we do appreciate your great coverage. I hope you will come back again next year. I watched it TWICE!

Best wishes for a great 1993!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosella Martin".

Rosella Martin  
Secretary-Treasurer

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*The ROTARY CLUB of Springfield, Ohio, FOUNDATION*  
Services to the Handicapped

1839 N. Fountain Blvd.  
Springfield, Ohio 45504-1406  
(513) 399-2100

December 21, 1992



Ms. Jo Hill  
WTJC-TV26  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, OH 45502

Dear Jo:

I want to thank you for the time you spent at the Christmas Party sponsored by the Springfield Rotary Club at Wittenberg University. I saw the story on TV and I think it went really well. Your camera crew

# Elderly United of Springfield and Clark County, Inc.

101 S. Fountain Ave.

Springfield, Ohio 45502

513/323-4948

March 9, 1992

Ms. Jo Hill  
Channel 26  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45506

Dear Jo,

I just wanted to express my appreciation to you for the coverage you have given Elderly United on your show, "Springfield Community Focus". We receive many positive comments and questions about our services after our tapes are aired which indicates your show is seen by many Clark County residents. "Springfield Community Focus" is an excellent vehicle for us to let the community know what help is available to older persons, and as a result, we can reach more seniors in need of our services.

I also appreciate your professionalism and assistance during the tapings. You always make us feel comfortable during the taping which certainly improves the quality of our presentation.

"Springfield Community Focus" is an excellent community service for the Springfield area and I wish you continued success.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Fraley*  
Cynthia Fraley  
Executive Director

CF:sf





## Mothers Against Drunk Driving

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BancOhio Building, Room 434 • 4 West Main Street • Springfield, Ohio 45502-1323 • (513) 324-3366

CLARK COUNTY CHAPTER

March 16, 1992

Mrs. Jo Hill  
TV 26  
2675 Dayton Rd.  
Springfield, OH 45506

Dear Jo:

I want to thank you for the coverage you have given our organization on "Community Focus." You always handle everything very professionally, yet make me feel at ease when I am being interviewed. I have received so many positive comments from people who have seen the coverage. I appreciate having the opportunity to enlighten viewers about MADD's programs and give out information about impaired driving.

Thanks again, Jo. We appreciate you and TV 26. Working together we are making Clark County a safer place in which to live.

Sincerely,

Joyce Fair  
Chapter Executive Director



Upper Valley Medical Centers

3130 North Dixie Highway  
Miami County, Ohio 45373  
(513) 332-7500  
FAX 332-7918

December 4, 1991

Mrs. Jo Hill  
WTJC TV 26  
2675 Dayton Rd.  
Springfield, OH 45506

Dear Jo,

On behalf of Upper Valley Medical Centers, I want to thank you for airing the interview we did concerning the Chemical Dependency treatment programs at Dettmer Hospital in Troy, Ohio.

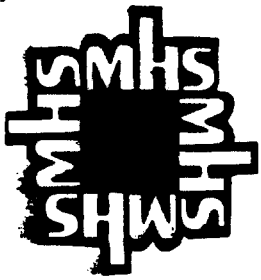
Television stations that devote part of their program time to public affairs are few and far between these days and show real commitment to the community.

Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Dennis Driscoll'.

Dennis Driscoll  
Regional Services  
Coordinator  
Dettmer Hospital



**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
SERVICES**  
FOR CLARK COUNTY, INC.  
Community Mental Health Center

345 Fountain Boulevard • Springfield, Ohio 45504 • Phone 513/399-9500

April 22, 1985

Ms. Jo Hill  
WTJC TV Channel 26  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45506

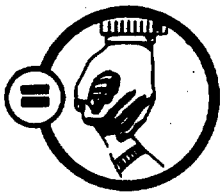
Dear Jo:

Dr. Perry and I wish to thank you and Channel 26 for providing the community program concerning Mental Health Services for Clark County. I hope that we were able to adequately describe the many services offered to Clark County residents. Please call me if we can be of service to you or the station.

Please let me know the dates for the two showings of the tape. Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

*Cynthia Valente*  
Cynthia Valente  
Marketing/Public Relations



# **Springfield Urban League And Community Center, Inc.**

521 S. Center Street  
Springfield, Ohio 45506  
Phone (513) 323- 4603

**THE NEXT STEP PROGRAM**

October 23, 1992

WTJC - TV Channel 26  
ATTN: Jo Hill



# American Diabetes Association

## Ohio Affiliate, Inc.

OHIO AFFILIATE, INC.  
937 North High Street  
Worthington, Ohio 43085  
614-436-1917  
614-232-6366  
614-436-6351 (FAX)

January 6, 1993



NORTHEAST OHIO  
SERVICE CENTER  
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Akron, Ohio 44302  
216-762-7487 (Akron)  
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SOUTHWEST OHIO  
SERVICE CENTER  
2805 W. McMicken  
Suite 2  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45225  
513-281-0002 (Cincinnati)  
513-443-0200 (Dayton)



NORTHWEST OHIO  
SERVICE CENTER  
78 N. Republic Blvd.  
Suite #4  
Toledo, Ohio 43615  
419-841-5992

Dear Station Manager,

The American Diabetes Association wishes to thank you and your staff for airing our public service announcements and other information during 1992 regarding diabetes care and warning signs. Your support of the association and our endeavors is greatly appreciated.

Diabetes affects 14 million Americans and is the fourth-leading cause of death by disease in this country. Your help in alerting the public has resulted in an increased awareness of the disease. Funds generated have brought us closer to a cure, provided patient services, literature and camperships. Volunteers have generously donated their time to help the associations' programs.

We are looking forward to many exciting educational programs and special events in 1993 including our annual Walktoberfest, Tour de Cure in May and Tell America in March and April.

Thank you for your support of the American Diabetes Association.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hall  
Southwest Ohio Director  
AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION  
Ohio Affiliate, Inc.

*Everybody Knows Someone with Diabetes*



**OHIO BUREAU OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**

239 East Columbia St.  
P. O. Box 1527  
Springfield, OH 45501-1527

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Governor

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Administrator

March 17, 1992

Mr. Marvin Sparks, Station Manager  
WTJC TV CHANNEL 26  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, OH 45506

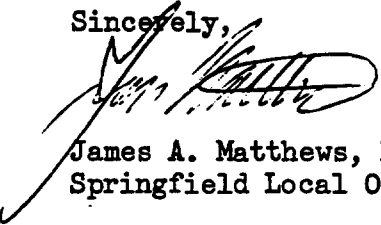
Dear Mr. Sparks:

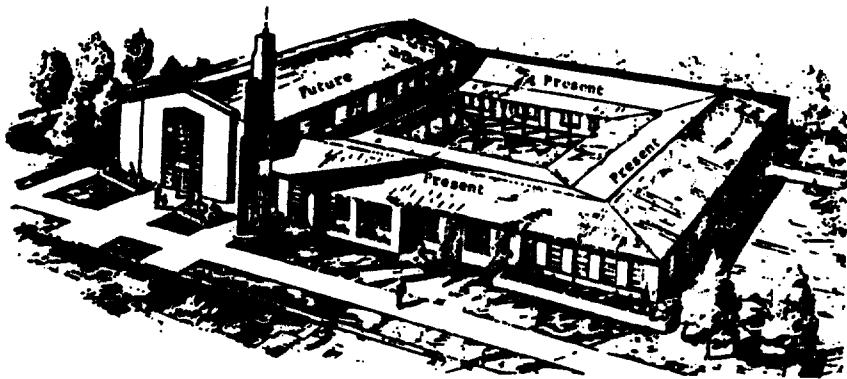
I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to your TV station, and especially Jo Hill, Public Affairs Director, for filming public service presentations which are viewed on the Springfield Community Focus Program concerning services rendered by this office.

We have had many people come in our door and tell us that they have seen messages on your TV Channel and that the information contained in them has been helpful to them in securing employment or filing a claim for unemployment compensation.

I feel the coverage you provided for our office has been very helpful to the general public as well as providing a boost to the morale of the employees who work here.

Sincerely,

  
James A. Matthews, Manager  
Springfield Local Office



## NORTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

2425 Derr Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45503  
(513) 399-0300

Pastor: Dr. Charles C. Burress  
(513) 390-1295

December 2, 1991

Mrs. Jo Hill  
WTJC  
P.O. Box 26  
Dayton, Ohio 45401

Dear Jo,

On behalf of our church I wish to convey to the management of WTJC my appreciation for your interest in promoting wholesome community programs and events.

I give special appreciation to Jo Hill for her part in hosting Springfield Community Focus Program. I personally feel this is a worthy cause and that the station is making good use of time. This program keeps the viewing audience aware of current events which impact all of our lives.

Also, I appreciate the time the station provides for public announcements. This is also good use of time as it keeps the community in touch with events and programs which are of interest.

Thanks, WTJC, for your community awareness and spirit of cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Dr. Charles C. Burress

CCB/kr

*Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name. - Ps. 142:7*

## **CHAPLAIN CLARK COUNTY JAIL**

POST OFFICE BOX 2086  
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45501  
513/328-2539

December 14, 1992

Dear Jo,

We here at the Clark Co. Jail Chaplaincy just wanted to let you know of the positive feed-back that we've been receiving since you have aired your spots about our program. I have been overwhelmed at not only the response but the great number of viewers who watch your program. It seems nearly everywhere I turn someone is saying they caught our program on T.V. 26.

I must share with you the greatest testimony we've had. As you know, our department has recently hired a former inmate from our jail to be our Exodus House supervisor. He had been in an accident two years prior where due to his drunk driving, he nearly killed two elderly people. This is what led to his incarceration. He has led a sober, productive life ever since but the burden of what had transpired in this couple's lives had always laid heavy on his heart. After viewing the spot about the Exodus House on T.V. 26, the granddaughter of the elderly couple called Ricky and shared with him that the family (who previously bore great hatred for him) was moved by the work he was doing and the obvious change in his life and wanted him to know that they had forgiven him. This has brought joy to us that money could not buy. Please don't ever stop what you are doing there. You not only keep our community informed about critical issues, you are literally changing lives.

Thank you and may God bless every one of you at your station!

Yours in Christ,

*Chaplain Mary Perry*  
Chaplain Mary Perry

MKP/mp



## 1992 SUCCESS STORIES FROM THE CLARK CO. JAIL CHAPLAINCY

1. BOB: Bob was compelled to accept Jesus while incarcerated and upon his release from jail was placed in the Exodus House. Bob is an Exodus House success story. We have set three goals for each Exodus House student. Bob has reached all three. First of all, we want each student to find a local fellowship and submit to it's Pastor. Secondly, we want each student to diligently seek and find employment. Lastly, a five course bible study is to be completed at the time of their graduation. Bob has done these things along with finding a good Christian mate.

2. CINDY: Cindy was a repeat offender for many years. Her drug-trafficking and prostitution kept her in the systems cycle. Upon her last visit to jail where she was ultimately sentenced to Marysville Prison for eight months, she made Jesus Christ her savior. While in prison, she devoted herself to prayer and study. She also stayed in contact with her Chaplain from the Clark Co. Jail. Upon her release, she moved in with the Chaplain and her family. Cindy found a local fellowship, found employment and also found a good Christian mate. That mate is Bob. They met in jail and had a pen pal relationship which they kept going while Cindy served her sentence in Marysville. They are now married, employed and have a beautiful apartment. They are both rejoicing in what the Lord has done!!

3. JEFF: Jeff had been in and out of penal institutions as a juvenile and an adult. He was planning to commit suicide when he heard the Lord speak to him. He went through the Exodus House program and graduated. He now lives with the Exodus House supervisor and his family and serves as a volunteer chaplain at the Clark Co. juvenile center. His joy and enthusiasm are spread wherever he goes. He is a great living witness to what the Lord can do. The Lord has also provided Jeff with a good job where his employer is a strong Christian and good role model for Jeff.

4. VICKY: Vicky has been released from the Clark Co. Jail for two and a half years now and has moved to Hamilton OH. Vicky recently paid a visit to the jail to share her victory that the Lord has given her. She will be graduating from college this summer with her associates degree. She was also rejoicing in that she has been sober for over two years now and most of all, she goes to jail women's recovery centers and other places to tell all what the Lord has done in her life.

5. SANDY: Sandy was facing a long prison sentence. Her "fed up

told Val while she was in jail, "Get on your knees and pray like you've never prayed before". She did and things have not been the same for Valerie and her children since. She has seen the hand of God move for her in many ways. She also faithfully attends the after-care program Psalm 91 and is a blessing to all who meet her.

THESE ARE JUST SIX EXAMPLES OF GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS YEAR. WE HAVE SEEN THEIR NAMES IN THE COURT SECTION OF OUR PAPER WITH THEIR CHARGES AND THEIR SENTENCES, BUT THE PAPER DOESN'T SHOW WHEN THEY'VE TURNED THEIR LIFE AROUND AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS IN OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE WITH YOU THE OTHER SIDE OF THEIR STORY.

CHAPLAIN MARY PERRY  
Clark Co. Jail

# **CLARK COUNTY JAIL CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM**

P. O. Box 2086 • Springfield, Ohio 45501-2086 • (513) 328-2539

March 16, 1992

Miami Valley Christian Television Inc.

2675 Dayton Avenue

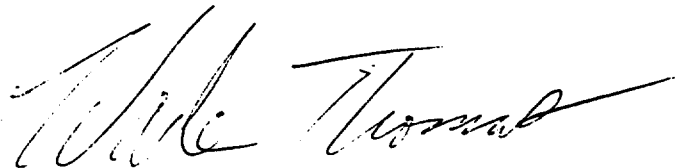
Springfield, Ohio 45506

Dear Friends at TV 26:

I want to take a few moments to thank you for your promotion and advertisement of the Clark County Jail Chaplaincy. The community spots done by Jo Hill have put us on the map, with people calling frequently to tell us they have seen the spots and how well they are done. We hope to do more with Channel 26 in the future whenever possible. We thank you and Jo Hill for all your help and we will continue to pray for all of you.

Thank you and God bless you!

Chaplain Wade Thomas

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Wade Thomas". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Chaplain Wade Thomas".

**Clark County Citizens Against Pornography**

**C - CAP**

P.O. Box 2234 Springfield, Ohio 45501 (513) 328-4711

December 2 1991



March 10, 1992

Ms. Jo Hill  
Channel 26 Television  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45502

Dear Jo:

It has been several months since you taped our public service message but I wanted to take a moment to say thank you. I have received many comments from friends and business associates saying they saw the spot and found it informative. You and Natalie Rector were very easy to work with and did an exceptional job.

I wish you continued success. The program is a needed service to this community.

Sincerely,

Karen Barnhart  
Executive Director

KB/jkc

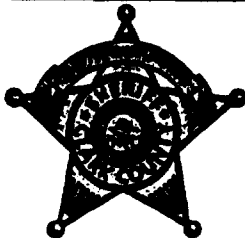
101 N. Fountain Ave.  
Springfield, Ohio 45502  
(513) 325-7063

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# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

GENE A. KELLY, SHERIFF  
OFFICE (513) 328-2523



120 NORTH FOUNTAIN AVE.  
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45502-1119

December 11, 1991


Ms. Jo Hill  
WTJC-TV  
2675 Dayton Road  
Springfield, Ohio 45506

Dear Jo,

During 1991, the Clark County Sheriff's Office was given an opportunity by WTJC-TV to share with the community of Clark County many of our new, innovative caring programs here at the Clark County Sheriff's Office. As I traveled Clark County, many persons came forward to express support for the programs that were featured on TV 26. It is always a pleasure to work with you and the entire staff of TV 26. You are a vital part of Clark County, and TV 26 plays a major role in filling needs within our community.

I appreciate the opportunity to work with WTJC-TV in 1991, and look forward to 1992 and our continued relationship.

Sincerely,

  
Gene A. Kelly  
Clark County Sheriff

GAK:jg

7-14-92

Jo Hill  
Community Focus  
Box 26  
Dayton, Ohio 45401

Dear Mrs. Hill

I just wanted to take a moment to compliment you on the wonderful job you do on Community Focus, very informative.

I spend a lot of time watching HSC, therefore I watch your segments as well.

I have found the interviews you have with various local people very interesting and helpful. So I just felt I had to write this note to wish you continued success.

Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,  
Shirley Liversall  
7332 Mad River Rd.  
Dayton, Ohio 45459



## Mothers Against Drunk Driving

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CLARK COUNTY CHAPTER

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Thanks again, Jo. We appreciate you and TV 26. Working together we are making Clark County a safer place in which to live.

Sincerely,

Joyce Fair  
Chapter Executive Director

JF/mab



# Springfield City Schools

JEFFERSON CENTER  
50 EAST McCREIGHT AVENUE  
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO 45504  
(513) 328-6653

March 17, 1992

Environmental Specialist

Mrs. Jo Hill  
Channel 26  
P. O. Box 26  
Dayton, OH 45401

Dear Mrs. Hill:

Thank you very much for inviting me to share a topic of vital environmental interest with the Channel 26 viewing audience. The plight of the fragile and disappearing rainforest ecosystem, though far removed in location from the Miami Valley, does heavily affect all our lives.

The message of the Channel 26 two-part spot -- which includes the definition of a rainforest, discussion of the crisis facing the rainforest, and the impact the demise of the rainforest has on all life -- will be brought into the homes of viewers who may not otherwise be aware of this timely environmental concern. Channel 26, by making this information available, has aided a worldwide effort to stop the deforestation of this vital ecosystem by increasing public awareness.

Let me, too, extend my thanks for the professional and comfortable working environment exhibited by you and your videographer. The taping went very smoothly and it was a pleasant experience. I will enjoy working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Lois Bradstreet  
Environmental Specialist

LB:dlc